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SCDCA ANNOUNCES 2007 AFTER HOURS SCHEDULE

Columbia, SC... ...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will kick off another year of “After Hours” on February 6, 2007. Consumers and businesses are encouraged to plan ahead to attend these valuable sessions early and often throughout the year. After Hours sessions are held Tuesdays from 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. An additional lunch hour session from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. will be held on February 6th. Guest speakers and SCDCA staff will provide consumers information on the following topics.

February 6: Tax Scams: Refund Anticipation Loans and More!

February 20: Predatory Lending: We’ll Discuss Payday Lending, Title Lending, etc.

March 20: Everything You Need To Know About Mortgages

April 17: Debt Collection

May 15: Contractors: Myths & Scams

June 19: Identity Theft: How To Prevent It and What To Do If You’re A Victim

Dates for After Hours sessions July through November will be announced later. Some of the topics for these sessions will include car advertising, bankruptcy and credit counseling, and Internet scams. For more information on After Hours, contact the Public Information Division at 803.734.4190, toll free in SC at 1.800.922.1594, or visit us online at www.sconsumer.gov.

About the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs:

Established by the Consumer Protection code in 1974, The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs represents the interests of South Carolina Consumers. Our mission is to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, mediation, enforcement and education.

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